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U.S.S. DETROIT'S DAILY NEWS

JULY 20, 1945

NAVAL, AERIAL BLASTING OF JAPAN CONTINUES

GUAM -- COASTAL INSTALLATIONS FIFTY MILES SOUTH OF TOKYO WERE SHELLED BY AMERICAN CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS WEDNESDAY AND YESTERDAY WHILE APPROXIMATELY 1,500 UNITED STATES AND BRITISH AIRCRAFT, CARRIER-BASED, BATTERED HONSHU, ADMIRAL NIMITZ ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

ENEMY COMBATANT SHIPPING AT THE YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE AT THE MOUTH OF TOKYO BAY WAS HIT, THE COMMUNIQUE STATES. THE PHRASE "COMBATANT SHIPPING" WAS INTERPRETED AS POSSIBLY MEANING THAT PLANES HAVE CAUGHT PART OF WHAT IS LEFT OF THE IMPERIAL NAVY, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THIS SURMISE.

PLANES MADE THEIR SWEEPS DESPITE ADVERSE WEATHER AND ACCURATE AND INTENSE GROUND FIRE AND NO REPORT OF DAMAGES WAS AS YET AVAILABLE.

FOUR CRUISERS PARTICIPATED IN YESTERDAY'S BOMBARDMENT. THREE ARE SISTER SHIPS OF THE CLEVELAND CLASS - THE TOPEKA, THE DAYTON AND OKLAHOMA CITY - AND THE FOURTH IS THE THREE-YEAR-OLD ATLANTA.

THE BOMBARDMENT RESULTS IN THE NOJIMA CAPE AREA WERE NOT REPORTED IMMEDIATELY.

REDEPLOYED AIRMEN SEE FIRST ACTION

MANILA -- AIRMEN FROM THE EUROPEAN THEATER HAVE JOINED THE FAR EAST AIR FORCES FOR STRIKES ON THE JAPANESE HOMELAND, IT WAS REVEALED BY GENERAL MACARTHUR YESTERDAY.

THE EUROPEAN VETERANS MADE THEIR DEBUT AS PART OF A 300-PLANE ASSAULT THAT COVERED NEARLY ALL OF THE SOUTHERN JAP HOME ISLAND.

THE REDEPLOYED FLIERS ARE BASED ON OKINAWA AND OPERATED WITH UNITS OF THE FIFTH AND SEVENTH AIR FORCES, MACARTHUR'S COMMUNIQUE SAID.

AIRFIELDS, COMMUNICATIONS AND INDUSTRIES WERE TARGETS OF THE RAIDERS.

SEVENTH FLEET BOMBARDS

MANILA -- ELEMENTS OF THE SEVENTH FLEET MOVED INTO BALIKPAPAN BAY, ON BORNEO, BOMBARDING ENEMY INSTALLATIONS NEAR THE PORT CITY AND DESTROYING FOUR BRIGES AND A NUMBER OF GUN EMPLACEMENTS.

AUSTRALIAN TROOPS PUSHING INLAND FROM THE SERIA AND MIRI OIL FIELDS HAVE OCCUPIED MARUDI, OVER 30 MILES FROM THE COAST.

PATROLS IN THE BALIKPAPAN SECTOR RECOVERED QUANTITIES OF ABANDONED SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.

KWEILIN'S FALL VIEWED IMMINENT

CHUNGKING -- CHINESE FORCES CONVERGED ON KWEILIN AND THE FALL OF THAT STRATEGIC AIRBASE CITY SEEMED IMMINENT.

ONE CHINESE FORCE REACHED A POINT 11 MILES NORTHEAST OF THE CITY. ANOTHER WAS 12 MILES WEST AND A THIRD 13 MILES SOUTH.

THREE HUNDRED MILES EASTWARD THE CHINESE CAPTURED KWAIHSIEN CITY, FOUR DAYS AFTER TAKING THE NEARBY FORMER U.S. AIRBASE.

LT. GEN. GEORGE STATEMEYER ARRIVED HERE THIS WEEK AND TOOK COMMAND OF THE U.S. AIRFORCES IN CHINA, INCLUDING THE 14TH AIRFORCE FORMERLY COMMANDED BY GENERAL CLAIRE CHENNAULT, WHO RESIGNED THIS WEEK.

JAPS MAY MAKE STAND

CALCUTTA -- JAPANESE MASSED TROOPS AND ARTILLERY ON THE EAST BANK OF THE SITTANG RIVER BEND SECTOR, IN SOUTHERN BURMA, IN WHAT LOOKS LIKE A POSSIBLE MAJOR STAND IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THOUSANDS OF CUT-OFF JAPANESE WEST OF THE SITTANG RIVER.

PACE STEPPED UP AT POTSDAM

POTSDAM -- THE BIG THREE CONFERENCE QUICKENED TO TOP PACE LAST NIGHT WITH A SECOND FULL DRESS MEETING AFTER SEPARATE DAY-TIME DISCUSSIONS BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN WITH PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL AND PREMIER STALIN.

THE DAY'S EVENTS INDICATED THE LEADERS WERE AGREED UPON REACHING AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE AGREEMENT ON THE ISSUES FACING THEM, ISSUES UPON WHICH A SPEEDIER END OF THE WAR WITH JAPAN AND THE FUTURE PEACE OF EUROPE MAY DEPEND.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN LUNCHED WEDNESDAY AT 1 P.M. WITH CHURCHILL AND THEN LATER WITH STALIN. HE WAS ACCCOMPANIED AT THE SECOND LUNCHEON BY SECRETARY OF STATE BYRNES, HIS CLOSE FRIEND IN AN EXPERIENCED NEGOTIATOR.

UNDER CLOUDY SKIES, THE PRESIDENT WALKED FROM HIS RESIDENCE TO THE LOCAL EQUIVALENT OF NUMBER 10 DOWNING STREET AND WAS GREETED AT THE GATE BY CHURCHILL AND HIS DAUGHTER, MARY, AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BRITISH DELEGATION SAID.

STALIN WAS HOST TO THE PRESIDENT AT 3 P.M. AT A COMPARATIVELY BRIEF LUNCHEON BUT THERE WERE EVIDENCES THAT IT WAS CORDIAL. CAVIAR, FISH AND MEAT APPARENTLY WERE ON THE MENU.

TWO HARRY TRUMANS OCCUPIED THE "LITTLE WHITE HOUSE" IN POTSDAM YESTERDAY - THE PRESIDENT AND HIS NEPHEW, SGT. HARRY TRUMAN, OF GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI AND THE 44TH DIVISION.

THE PRESIDENT HEARD HIS NEPHEW WAS IN EUROPE AND HE SAID HE HOPED TO SEE HIM. SO, THE ARMY DUG UP THE SERGEANT JUST AFTER HE HAD BOARDED A U.S. LINER FOR HOME.

SGT. TRUMAN WAS NOT TOO UNHAPPY BECAUSE HIS TRIP HOME WAS DELAYED FOR SEVERAL DAYS WHILE HE HELPS HOLD DOWN THE LITTLE WHITE HOUSE.

ALSO IN POTSDAM YESTERDAY W/S PRIVATE MICKEY ROONEY AND A TROUPE OF 60 GI ENTERTAINERS WHO PERFORMED FOR HUNDREDS OF AMERICAN TROOPS.

BELGIANS ACT TO BAR LEOPOLD

BRUSSELS -- THE BELGIAN SENATE YESTERDAY PASSED A MEASURE ALREADY APPROVED BY THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES WHICH WILL PREVENT THE KING FROM RETURNING TO THE THRONE UNLESS PARLIAMENT CONSENTS.

KING LEOPOLD HAS REFUSED TO ABDICATE VOLUNTARILY.

SWISS VACATIONS ARRANGED

LONDON -- THE SWISS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT UNDER A TOURIST AGREEMENT BETWEEN AMERICAN AND SWISS AUTHORITIES, AMERICANS IN UNIFORM AND ACCOMPANIED BY SWISS GUIDES WILL BE PERMITTED ONE WEEK'S VACATION IN THE ALPINE COUNTRY AT \$35 PER HEAD FOR THE WEEK.

THREE DAYS WILL BE SPENT IN HOLIDAY CAMPS AND THE BALANCE IN TRAVELLING THROUGH THE RUGGED LAKE AND ALPINE COUNTRY.

BLAST IN NAVAL ARMS DEPOT

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA -- THIS CITY WAS SHAKEN BY A SERIES OF THUNDEROUS EXPLOSIONS LAST NIGHT WHICH CENTERED ON THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY'S ARMAMENT DEPOT.

MANY HOURS AFTER AN AMMUNITION MAGAZINE BLEW UP IT WAS STILL UNKNOWN IF ANYONE HAD BEEN KILLED. THE FIRES WERE BEATING STEADILY TOWARD THE MAIN AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA AFTER TWO MAJOR EXPLOSIONS AND SEVERAL MINOR ONES.